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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA ON MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTIONS AT THE UNGA

REF: A. STATE 321874

[1](#)B. STATE 306875

[1](#)C. STATE 305553

Per ref A instructions, the Ambassador spoke with Foreign Minister Edgar Gutierrez on November 10. Gutierrez, who was enjoying a local holiday in the wake of national elections here yesterday, was unaware of the details of our proposals but promised he would not wait until tomorrow to contact his staff. The text of Secretary Powell's letter to Gutierrez on this topic (ref B) was delivered via diplomatic note to the Foreign Ministry on Friday, November 7. PolOff had earlier discussed ref C points with acting Director for Multilateral Affairs, Luis Carranza, on November 6. That discussion led us to believe that Guatemala was open to the idea of consolidating some of the resolutions and possibly to at least abstain on others.

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